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liam H. Scott. M. L. Straus, Charles P.

Rady, Alfred Moses, and Superintendent J.

The Superintendent submitted his report

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The Secretary submitted his monthly

financial report; which was approved by

Other routine business was transacted,

The public schools will be closed to-day

and Monday next. The scholars are re-

quested to be prompt in their attendance

THE MOFFETT WHISKEY BILL PASSED BY

BOTH HOUSES-SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS .-

Both houses of the General Assembly have

the registers are made and the instructions

of the Auditor relative to their use promul-

For each drink sold, the bar-keeper, in

liquors are sold there must be kept a register

after which the Board adjourned.

next Tuesday morning.

and a half cents.

rates are as follows:

Quantity of Liquor.

Less than half-pint.....

More than a pont and less than

Tributaries:

reenacted so as to read as follows:

or fixed apparatus or device of any kind

whatsoever in any of the tidal waters of

this Commonwealth, so as in any way to oc-

cupy or obstruct at least one third of said

waters, which shall embrace the channel of

the said waters; and any person violating

the provisions of this act shall be guilty of

THE FIRST VIRGINIA REGIMENT-ELEC-

TION OF FIELD-OFFICERS .- The line officers

of the First Virginia regiment met at their

armory last evening pursuant to an adjourn-

officers answered to their names. After

proceeded to the election of field-officers,

made vacant by resignations, as previously

head, declining to be a candidate on ac-

count of intrigues, as he claimed, against

Colonel Bradley T. Johnson was nomi-

nated for reëlection, and was chosen by ac-

Captain L. L. Bass, Lieutenant-Colonel

Whitehead, and Major John B. Purcell

were nominated for the position of lieu-

The first ballott resulted as follows: Pur-

Captain Bass's name baving been dropped,

the regiment. The vote stood : Purcell, 9;

The vote for major was then had, result-

ing in the election of Captain L. L. Bass.

clamation.

tenant-colonel.

Whitehead, 8.

"Under a license to sell by wholesale,

the dealer shall be allowed to sell only in

Enrolment

Average Attendance

Enrolment to

German.

for the past month ending 15th March,

showing the condition of the public school

of Rielmond at that date, as follows:

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR To-DAY .- For the Middle States, clear or fair weather, with Middle States, clear or fair weather, with northerly to westerly winds increasing in E force, rising barometer, and on Friday a slight rise in temperature. For the South Atlantic States, clear or

partly cloudy weather, with northeast to northwest winds, rising barometer, and slight changes in temperature. For the Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, easterly to southerly winds, slowly-rising temperature, and during Friday falling barometer, with partly cloudy weather and local rains.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was clear, cool,

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 40; 9 A. M., 47: noon, 54; 3 P. M., 60; 6 P. M., 57; midnight, 48.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Book-Binding Contest. INTERESTING MEETING OF THE JOINT LEGISLA-

TIVE COMMITTEE ON STATE PRINTING-EF- 5 FORTS TO SHOW A COMBINATION AMONG SOME OF THE ROOK-BINDERS. The joint legislative Committee on Print-

ing met again yesterday afternoon in the the Board. Senate chamber. Present: Messrs. Bland, Tanner, Gilman, Lovell, and Coale. After a discussion between Messrs, Stiles and Gordon, the counsel for the parties, the declaration of Mr. Agec, of Petersburg, was admitted to show that he was induced by other bidders to refrain from bidding or the binding.

Mr. Johns again took the stand and testified that Mr. Simons told him that Mr. Agee was more difficult to get rid of this year than last. After a recess the committee resumed its

session at half-past 8 o'clock, when it was the measure cannot become operative until agreed to summon Mr. Agee as a witness. Mr. Clemmitt, who was the next witness, testified that Mr. Agee, on the 3d of March, gated. The registers are to be made by the to the Board of Public Works to appoint told him he had come over to bid for the binding. Mr. Randolph came up, and Mr. to be first supplied with them. Agee and he agreed to meet at the office of Major Walker at 10 o'clock.

Mr. G. W. Gary was recalled. He met Mr. Agee on the 2d of March, and he said cause the hand on the dial to register one, constitutional objections which, in my opinif they wanted him to stand off from bidding they would have to pay him. On the ad he again saw him, when he said he had put in a bid, but had withdrawn it. Witness jocularly asked him if they had paid drink of half a cent; alcoholic liquors two the Board of Public Works to appoint a Kanawha Company from the possession of the railway link, in order to preserve the cadron drink of half a cent; alcoholic liquors two him, and he winked significantly. Saw Major Walker Friday night, and told him Agee was to put in a bid. Mr. Walker said if he did he would throw it out. Agee said he could do the work for less than it was done last year and make money. Witness bid for the city binding-printing at 20 per cent, less than was paid by the State, and he did not get it. It was awarded to able to do the entire State work.

The committee next determined to hear the declaration that Mr. Agee told his bro-there Mr. Agee of this city, that last year one plat. he was paid \$100 not to bid. Mr. Simons testified that he was foreman

for Ritchie & Dunnavant before the war, and has carried on business for a number of years. He has large facilities, and can com- Two pints...... pete with any establishment. He said there are only two complete binderies in Richmond-his own and that of Randolph & Mr. Agee has a very small establishment.

and he did not think Mr. Gary prepared to do the work. Mr. Gary told him some time ago that he did not solicit outside work. | quantities of one gallon or more." His bid for the city work was exactly the same as for the State. The work for the State is done as low as it can be done.

He explained his knowledge of the State work, having done it from boyhood. He ad no transaction with Mr. Agee in any

On Wednesday before March 3d Mr. Gary | have no fears. came to his place and said, "You know I am no enemy of yours, but I mean to hurt that firm down town (Randolph & English)

He received notes from both Messrs. Johns and Gary, and he told Mr. Johns if Mr. Agee id he would just as soon have others bid. He was under the impression he told Mr. lohns if Agee did not bid he would probaly agree to the arrangement of last year. Mr. Agee, whom he had not seen for six That section 6 of chapter 100 of the Code of that this trust shall be executed by the months before, told him be did not intend to bid against him. After conversation with Agee he went to

Gary's and told Johns he would accept the using the purse-nets in any of the rivers or one in the Senate chamber.

Cross-examined: He had not been in know what work he is now doing. Mr. for city work was below cost.

At 11 o'clock the committee rose, and will meet again at 41 o'clock this afternoon.

Sergeant Holzinger, of the Hustings Court, essrs. Arthur, Poindexter, and Carter Harrison to appear before the grand jury a the case of Colonel Charles T. Crittenden. It is stated that Colonel Crittenden a misdemeanor and be fined \$150 for each will probably be indicted for forgery and violation of this section. grand larceny in each case.

Atmest a Fire.-Night before last, about 2 o'clock, the shingle roof of a building on Byrd Island took fire. At the time the ire was discovered there was some difficulty in getting a key to the box at the corner of Tenth and Byrd streets, and so a messenger was sent to Company G's Tenth-Street lose-house. One of the hose-carriages was brought over and the fire speedily put out.

A DESPERATE THIEF .- Richard Coleman alias Henry Epps yesterday entered the house of D. O. Leary, on Ninth street between Clay and Leigh, and robbed the premises of a quantity of lead pipe. He was discovered by some boys, who chased him off, and when too closely pressed drew upon them a long and formidable-looking knife. Sergeant Hall was sent for and arrested Coleman.

LARCENY OF A CHEESE .- Sylvanus Griffin was arrested yesterday by Policeman Toler cell, 8; Whitehead, 7; Bass, 1 the charge of stealing a cheese from

STIT FOR DAMAGES FOR A HORSE DRIVEN TO DEATH.—In the Circuit Court of Richmond yesterday a verdict was rendered in the case of Thomas P. Turner against R. A. Crespi, C. G. Ratcliffe, and Charles Stone. This was a suit for \$200 damages was very hot, and after having been driven | By an arrangement with the Department | the forum of debate. It would be super- sages have urged the views, to which I now

DAIN DISPAIN

THE CANAL-LEASE. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CITY

SCHOOL BOARD-HOLIDAY FOR THE PUBLIC-SCHOOL SCHOLARS GOOD-FRIDAY AND EASTER The Bill as Passed Vetoed by Gov-MONDAY .- The City School Board held its regular meeting yesterday at 5 P. M. Present: Messrs. Alfred R. Courtney, Wilernor Kemper.

THE EXECUTIVE HOLDS THAT THE MEA-SURE PROPOSED IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL-CONDITION OF THE COMPANY-THE RAIL-WAY A NECESSITY-AN EXTRA SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HINTED AT.

The Governor yesterday sent to the Senate a message containing his reasons for disapproving of the canal-lease bill. It was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, and reads as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,) GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,

RICHMOND, March 29, 1877.) To the Honorable the Senate: I return, without my approval, to the house in which it originated, Senate bill No. 28, entitled 'An act to authorize the James River and Kanawha Company to lease out their property, works, and franchises for a term of twenty years, upon conditions which will secure the extension of its water line to a point on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad t Clifton Forge."

It is my firm conviction that the bill is unconstitutional, and that its operation would bring disaster on the Commonwealth. The third section of the bill impresses me as unconstitutional in every one of its essential features. It provides first that if the stockholders of the James River and Kanawha Company shall agree to the lease, they shall then proceed to vote upon the question whether they will, during the term of the lease, continue the office of engineer or not." By what authority does the Legislature undertake to direct the stockholders of an incorporated company as to what they shall do?

THE STATE AS A STOCKHOLDER.

The State, by becoming a stockholder, simply occupies the position of any private individual clothed with the same interest. If it cannot direct and control the stockholders in other chartered companies it has passed the bill known as the Moffett register | no more power to control this, except indimight have been effected by an instruction lowest bidder therefor, and the cities are proxies who would accomplish the desired end, and that this objection to the bill is technical-relating to its form rather than the presence of the customer, is to turn the to its substance. But, however this may erank once. That action will ring a bell and be, the provisions which follow involve just as a gas-meter registers the quantity of ion, are clear and unmistakable. The secgas consumed. Where malt and alcoholic tion provides that "should the stockholders elect to discontinue the office of engineer for each, and malt liquor is to pay a tax per of the company it shall be the duty of skilled engineer as canal commissioner,

of the affairs of the company and of the the people who depend upon the canal for work of the lessees." * * That transportation and other facilities. he shall superintend the construction of the works hereinafter provided for, James River and Kanawha Company to duty of the Board of Public Works to as- of this bill? Let the facts answer. sume the general superintendence and direction of the work of extending the canal; have the custody of the bonds of the James River and Kanawha Company to be issued in payment for said work, and upon inspection and approval of the monthly estimates to deliver the bonds to which the lessees shall be entitled, reserving such as are under this act to be withheld either for the State of Virginia or as security to the company; make the settlement with the lessees required by this act; see to the payment by said lessees of the different sums of money payable by them, and to the objects set quantities of five gallons or upwards; and forth in this act," &c. In other words, the under a license to sell by retail, in addition | Board of Public Works is to elect the officer to wholesale, he shall be allowed to sell in to be charged with the general management of the affairs of the company. The Board There are provisions specially applicable of Public Works is to assume the general to wholesale dealers, and also to the dealers superintendence of the work of extending who do both wholesale and retail business. | the canal; to be constituted the custodian The opponents of the bill represent that of the bonds of the company; to make setit is probable that northern parties who, it tlements for it; to pay out its bonds to paris claimed, have patents for some of the ties who have contracted with it, and to reway, directly or indirectly, last year; nor mechanical principles made use of in the tain in its possession the bonds remaining as did he offer Mr. Agee any consideration or Moffett register will enjoin the officers of security to the company. The charter of the inducement this year not to bid against the State from using them. But on that James River and Kanawha Company makes point the friends of the register seem to its president and directors its executive officers; they are charged with its superintendence and control, with the custody of its property, and with a direct and faithful AN IMPORTANT FISH-BILL .- The Senate

has passed a bill to amend and reenact sec- attention to the management and settlement tion 6 of chapter 100 of the Code of Vir- of its affairs. Every individual stockholder ginia, in relation to unlawful fishing, which is entitled to the benefit of this charter, is now in the House of Delegates before which was the measure of his rights when the Committee on the Chesapeake and its he entered into the contract. No law, no determination of a majority, however large The following is the full text of the bill: it might be, even in a meeting of stockhold-Be it enacted by the General Assembly, ers, can deprive him of his right to demand Virginia, edition of 1873, be amended and agencies organized and provided by the

charter, and not by the agents of any one

All persons are hereby prohibited from or more of the stockholders. The State is one of the stockholders. The proposition. Agee told him Walker said it creeks of this State, or within two miles of Board of Public Works, the agent of the valuation, its dredging-machines, picks, would be impracticable for him to take the the mouth of any river or creek, and also State, is constituted by this section to be in binding over to Petersburg. Witness never are prohibited from using the purse-nets in point of fact the president and board of and personalty. All the property thus propaid Mr. Walker anything, and thought the Chesapeake Bay at night or on Sunday. | directors of the James River and Kanawha | vided, to be taken and paid for by the leshim as innocent of anything wrong as any And no person shall catch or take any fish Company, and is charged with doing everyin or from the rivers or creeks of this Com- thing except to pay its matured obligations, monwealth, or within two miles of the which single duty is left to the nominal pre- interested in obtaining the largest possible sary's bindery for ten months, and did not mouths of said rivers or creeks, by means sident and directors, but without the means of any pound-net or trap; or anywhere of performing it. This section thus under- it is reasonable to believe that this valua-Norman Randolph told witness that his bid with such nets or traps within the waters of takes to alter the very framework of the June, July, and August; nor shall any per- autonomy of the James River and Kanawha son put out any pound-net, purse-net, trap,

Company.

The same section provides that the canal used bonds of their second mortgage as may commissioner shall be transported free on be necessary." The whole amount of the any boat navigating the canal. Many of the boats are said to be private property, bound by contracts with the company to carry passengers at fixed rates of toll. It is difficult to see upon what principle the Legislature can require the owners of any transport free of charge an officer of the

The eleventh section of the bill provides that no court shall have jurisdiction to ment. Upon a call of the roll most of the grant relief against any forfeiture incurred under the lease, and declares that the power some preliminary discussion the meeting to grant such relief shall reside in the General Assembly. If it was the purpose of means wherewith to pay it. The bill itself this section to take from the courts juris- sounds a warning to creditors holding over diction of the question of forfeiture and to due debt that the resources of the company A letter from Lieutenant-Colonel White- transfer it to the Legislature, then it is clearly an INFRACTION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE

> The 10th section of the bill expressly repeals and annuls specified powers of certain other incorporated and organized companies. In view of the explicit language of this section, I am forbidden to doubt that chartered rights have resulted from the acts incorporating those companies. The very terms of the 10th section neces- ing their rights. sitate the conclusion that vested rights have accrued and still exist by virtue of

rights attempted to be repealed. I learn from the face of the bill that it is necessary to get rid of those vested rights in order to clear the way for an unobstructed lease of the James River and Kanawha eanal.

LIST OF UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING | The question whether chartered rights for driving the horse of plaintiff, the keeper of a livery-stable, so fast as to cause death. The defendants hired a horse from Mr. Turner on Sunday, July 9, 1876. The day Turner on Sunday, July 9, 1876. The day Turner on Sunday of the March 19, 1879. The defendants hired a horse from Mr. Turner on Sunday, July 9, 1876. The day Turner on Sunday of the highest courts. Turner on Sunday of the highest courts of the water-line to the sunday of the water-line to the sunday of the water-line to the sunday of a livery-stable, so fast as to cause death. William Harber, St. Stephens, Va.; Miss of the State and a corporation has been so often determined by the highest courts, but the sunday of the water-line to the sunday of the water-line to the sunday of a livery-stable, so fast as to cause death. William Harber, St. Stephens, Va.; Miss of the state and a corporation has been so often determined by the highest courts, but the state and Federal, that it has passed from policy of Virginia. My successive messages have urged the views, to which I now to Young's pond and Blenner's Park the at Washington the postmaster here will fluous labor to cite in this message the long firmly adhere, in favor of maintaining and animal dropped dead at the corner of Broad furnish the Dispatch each day with a list of and unbroken line of authorities which furthering that policy. The canal as now and Twenty-fourth streets.

The limit and unbroken line of authorities which furthering that policy. The canal as now conclusively show that the repeal, either in operated is 2192 miles in length. Its conclusively show that the repeal, either in operated is 2192 miles in length. THE SERVICES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. The entertainment of the Constitution of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock to the amount of have them properly stamped and for warded, thereby obviating the necessity and clock Confirmation at night at St. Paul's the Dead-Letter office at Washington.

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| Authenday (Fine Property Stamped and for warded, thereby obviating the necessity and cleave of a violates section 14 of article 5 of the Company is \$1,400,000. The company is \$12,400,000. The constitution of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock to the amount of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment properly stamped and for of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock to the amount of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock to the amount of the constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment of the Church. The entertainment of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The entertainment of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The Episcopal Church. The entertainment of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock to the amount of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The Entertainment of the Constitution of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock to the amount of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The Episcopal Church. The Property of the Constitution of the Constitution. State is an owner of the stock the tenth of the Constitution of the Seventh-Street Church. The Property of the Constitution

ticle 1 of the Constitution of the United | in the State, if elsewhere, whose outstand-

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY MORNING. MARCH 30, 1877.

These constitutional objections having irresistibly impelled me to negative the bill, I am warranted, and, in frankness, required, by due considerations of deference to the legislative department, to suggest

OPINIONS UPON THE GENERAL MERITS OF THE MEASURE.

What impresses me as an insuperable oblection to the bill is that it ties the hands of the Common wealth and paralyzes the power of the government over a vital interest during the period of this generation. The great body of the people, with rarely an exception, deplore and denounce as iniquitous the provisions of the funding bill. ecause they involve an irrepealable contract which deprives the State of legitimate control over its taxation, finances, and revenues during a period of years. In my opinion that fatal policy is reproduced in this bill, for it puts beyond the reach of legislation, for twenty years to come, a great property which virtually belongs to the Commonwealth. For that period of time the property is surrendered to the control of three private individuals who execute a contract without giving security for performing it, and whose credit, responsipility, and solvency are yet to be determined. No matter what fatal errors in this arrangenow sought to be fixed and fastened upon the Commonwealth.

COVENANTS OF THE PROPOSED LEASE NOT RECIPROCAL.

It is, moreover, notable that the covenants of the proposed lease are far from being They bind the Commonwealth reciprocal. irrevocably on the one hand, while in important particulars they leave the lessees comparatively free on the other. By default on their part (whether voluntary or not), by mere negative action, by noncompliance with the stipulations of their contract, the lessees may terminate the lease in its forfeiture. If at the end of a given period the lease shall be found to have yielded profitable returns, however great, the lessees will hold and keep the profits as their own. If on the other hand the arrangement prove unprofitable, and inor bell-punch. It now goes to the Gov-ernor for his approval. It signed by him votes. But it may be said that, inasmuch as and to the State, no covenant will rerectly by instructing its proxies as to their volve actual loss to the canal company the State in point of fact owns a majority of quire the lessees to pay an equivalent, the stock, the purpose of the Legislature or in any way make good the loss. If by reason of an extraordinary freshet, or it from ordinary or any other causes the lease shall terminate in failure or disaster, then the company and the State must bear the burthen of it. In several possible contingencies the State cannot gain and the les-

sees cannot lose. The limits of this message forbid me to comment upon those provisions of the bill which, in my view, create a monstrous monopoly by transferring the property, powers, and franchises of the James River and necessity which dictates the construction of incorporated proprietors to a new and close nal for the present and to extend it in the who, under the authority of said Board, corporation of three men; and which give where liquor is sold by the measure, and the shall have general charge and supervision to the transferces dangerous powers over

But how is it possible, financially, for the

The bill strips the company of its revenues and its sources of revenue on the one hand, and requires it to pay debts which it is thus incapacitated to pay on the | within less than twenty-four hours from the | the case goes back to the Chancery Court other. It proposes to dispossess the com- time of its enrolment, with the earnest for a new trial of the issue of "marriage pany of its property, works, and franchises, basin; the entire canal itself, with its towpaths, dams, water-power, rents, and the benefits of every existing contract; exceptat Richmond and their contents. All these rights and properties are to be delivered up, without security therefor, to three as the State is concerned, is to be irrevocaobligations, constituting liens by mortgage, judgment, or otherwise, and remaining unpaid at the date of the lease; also, all the interest falling due on its mortgage debt in May next, which shall have accrued up to the time when the lessees take possession of the premises. The records of the company show that the claims against it, overdue and demandable on the 10th of May next, will stand as follows:

Interest on first and record mortgag Old accounts and interest thereon.....

Amount due on the 10th of May next...\$209.672 THE RESOURCES LEFT. What are the resources left to the com-

pany by the bill for meeting these inevita-

ble demands? The lessees are to purchase from the company, at a sum to be fixed by spades, shovels, and other like implements sees, is estimated by the only parties who are acquainted with its value, and who are price for it, at \$22,750. On every ground tion is excessive; but for present purposes resource left to the company by the bill for meeting these demands is the privilege of using "such part of the proceeds of the ununused bonds is \$129,600, and the utmost that the most sanguine expect them to command for some time to come is thirty cents on the dollar-that is to say, the company may realize from this source \$38,880, and no more. It is thus demonstrated with the company cannot exceed the aggregate sum of \$61,630, while the over-due demands to be met therewith are \$209,672. In other words, a deficiency

of \$148,042 will remain wholly unprovided for, which the company is required to pay after being stripped of every conceivable are being diverted, and that their demands will not and cannot be paid. It is in itself a proclamation announcing to the creditors that the only remedy left them lies in a decree for foreclosure. I am authoritatively informed, and the information is such as makes it impossible to doubt, that if the bill become a law an association of creditors repat once take proceedings to effect a sale of the property as the only means of protect-

In order to ascertain what definite policy is best to be employed in resuscitating this struggling company it is necessary to have present embarrassments. The important to rescue the canal from threatened foreclosure, and at the same time to further its original and true design?

MAGNITUDE OF THE CORPORATION. The completion of the water-line to the

ing debt is so small in comparison with its DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS capital stock or with the value of its property. Of all the great system of internal improvements undertaken before the war, constructed largely with public money and resulting in the creation of our public debt, the State's controlling interest in the

water-line emoraces nearly all that remains unalienated. Years ago the other great properties of the State were aliened or sunk by legisla-

last of the more valuable properties of the ever having been married. In that event, Granite-Works), at Baltimore. He was a Commonwealth is involved in financial dis- Dr. Miles George, a half-brother, and some noble and gallant ex-Confederate soldier, tress and in peril. Both general and special nephews and nieces of the half-blood, being who served in the Thirteenth South Carocauses of depression, which are well under- his next of kin, would have been his heirs lina regiment with distinction during the stood, have so embarrassed it that nothing and distributees, and thus entitled to his late war. His funeral, on last Saturday, was but a skilful and faithful management has estate, which was estimated to be worth the most imposing the stone-cutters have saved it from foreclosure and sale in the probably \$75,000. past. Shall this last of our great properties be surrendered to the fatal policy of the past, or shall it be utilized and preserved as and restoring the credit of the Common-

WHAN CONNECTION CAN WE GET?

ore into juxtaposition. The question is not of considerable value to the woman in the the South and the Conservative party. Alworking of it, still future Legislatures will manence for the future, but what connec- spondence with them till his death, and mond, they built bonfires on the Manchesbe powerless to revoke or alter the covenants tion can we get for the immediate present. visited them several times each year. Very ter hills and cheered lustily for Governor nection is quickest and cheapest is de- estate, based upon an alleged marriage berent demands, redeems its credit, and lemnized, the children were legitimated, water-line to the commerce of the to his estate in Virginia. West. The quickest practicable connection is the only plan left us for saving mond to settle the rights of the rival claimasked for, is all that is necessary for com- the alleged marriage ever took place or not. terested and sanguine parties, while five claimed. The decree of Chancellor Fitzsary for extending the water-line, even to sion of the appeal decided by the Court of the vicinity of Clifton Forge. The differ- Appeals yesterday. ence in the expenditure of money required by the two plans is not less remarkable.

NECESSITY FOR THE RAILWAY. In common with a great number of those who have most consistently and earnestly supported the policy of a through waterline, I hold that an immediate connection with the coal-fields by rail is necessary to save the water-line. Reluctant, and among the last to accept any substitute for the canal, even as a temperary expedient confined to a short section of its line, I yield to the future. I am aware of the responsibility which

attaches to Executive action intended to arrest legislation affecting this great interest. But if the bill should become a law by reason of my failure to resist it, its ac- Mink, an alderman of Philadelphia, who tual operation in the future would, in my had deposed that he had solemnized the belief, subject me to a far worse responsipility in the forum of my own conscience and in that of the public judgment.

AN EXTRA SESSION HINTED AT.

hope that some alternative measure may be or no marriage." including the Richmond dock, locks, and perfected and passed at once. If it is the purpose of the General Assembly to act further on the subject, no constitutional effort shall be wanting on my part to faciliing nothing from the transfer but its offices tate the passage of any measure which may NOT TO BLAME.—The steamship Wyanoke commend itself to their wisdom and independent judgment.

Satisfied that this bill, if approved, would named lessees by a contract which, so far result in the foreclosure and sale of the Rockaway: canal, I deem it not at all unlikely that the ble and unalterable for twenty years. At failure of the present General Assembly to the same time the company is required to act further on the subject would produce may mislead the public, they not being corshould be due to legislative non-action.

JAMES L. KEMPER. SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, YESTERDAY. Wall's administrator vs. Ellett, &c. From Affirmed, Judge Christian delivering the opinion of the Court.

Brooklyn Life Insurance Company vs. Bidgood. From the Corporation Court of ance of continuing so. Passed the city of Norfolk. Reversed, Judge Staples delivering the opinion of the Court.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY .- The contin-

valued at \$25. Not guilty.

discharged.

THE MOZART LAST NIGHT .- The fortysixth musicale of the Mozart Association was a brilliant affair. "Zampa," "Blumenlied," and "Waltzes Berlina Kinder"

solo, accompanied by Miss Laura Thilow and under these circumstances I deemed it on the piano. These performers are very boat navigating this "open highway" to that all the resources allowed to remain young, and the audience was surprised at their proficiency. They have decided talent, and, as they have had the best of teaching, they will both in a short while be a great the certainty before me of finding the haracquisition to the list of our concert musi-

This was followed by a grand septuor, composed by Fesca, and rendered by Professor Jacob Reinhardt, piano; Mr. J. Pe-Reinhardt, French-horn. Although of considerable length, the

flute, came out beautifully.

warmly applauded by the audience. It was

the evening. The most difficult thing done during the evening, though, was Mr. Krause's bassoon solo (adagio) by C. M. Von Weber. This to be attributed to had management and of Major Purcell as lieutenant-colonel of cedes and establishes the existence of the regard both to its ultimate objects and to its gentleman has a fine tone, and he brought regard both to its ultimate objects and to its gentleman has a fine tone, and he brought regard both to its ultimate objects and to its gentleman has a fine tone, and he brought regard both to its ultimate objects and to its out the quaint, weird strains with nice captain of the Wyanoke, or the unsea question is, What policy is best calculated effect. He was applauded to the echo, and had to return to the stage to make his

GRAND JURY FOR THE NEXT TERM OF THE HUSTINGS COURT .- The Hustings Court will meet on Monday for its April term. The moned to serve during the term: Daniel Denoon, Samuel Wortham, N. C. Lipscomb, ladies. Patrick Henry Starke, John T. Sizer, Wil-

NO. 77.

Marriage or no Marriage. IN THE WILLIAM O. GEORGE CASE-THE CHANCERY COURT IN ERROR IN EXCLUDING TESTIMONY AS TO THE CHARACTER OF ALDER

MAN MINK-NEW TRIAL GRANTED. In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday, in the case of George and others against Pilcher and others, an appeal from the Chancery Court of Richmond, the opinion of the Court was delivered by Judge Burks. William O. George, a well-known citizen

tion which is now conceded on all sides to of Richmond, died in August, 1869, inteshave been mischievous and disastrous. This tate, and, as was then supposed, without

son, by whom he had three children. One conveyed to the depôt they were followed means of developing the taxable resources of them died in early life. The other two, by a larger force than ever since the stonea boy and a girl, he removed together with their mother to the city of Philadelphia one, and shows the spirit existing among about the year 1854 or 1855, where they these brawny hard-fisted sons of toil. Any connection between Buchanan and have resided ever since. He provided for Clifton Forge completes the line of transit them quite liberally, maintained and supbetween the great coal and iron belts. It ported them as long as he lived, educated brings inexhaustible stores of fuel and iron | the children, and conveyed a house and lot | monstrations that show their devotion to what sort of connection we prefer as a per- year 1860. He kept up a regular corre- though they had no notification from Rich-We cannot afford to lose time in speculating soon after his death the woman and her Hampton as he passed by on the train. upon abstract preferences. Whatever con- children set up a claim to the whole of his Bully for Manchester! manded by an imperative necessity and as a tween William O. George and the woman measure of immediate relief. Any con- in Philadelphia about four months before nection supplies incalculable freights to the death of George, by which they claimed morial chapel to-day (Good-Friday) at 11 the canal, at once augments its revenues, that according to the laws of Pennsylvania, enables it to discharge arrears and cur- where the marriage is said to have been sostrengthens its ability to extend the and they and their mother became entitled

A chancery suit was brought in Richthe company from utter prostration. It is ants to the estate of William O. George, in not denied that little more than one year's which an issue was ordered and tried by a time, with the legislative support which is jury, presenting the single question whether pleting the connection by rail. Two years The jury found, by their verdict, that no is the least time estimated by the most in- such marriage was ever solemnized as years are assumed by the bill to be neces- hugh, based on that verdict, was the occa-Several questions of inferest were de-

cided by the Court. The Philadelphia ly donc. claimants had filed a petition in the court below for the removal of the case into the Circuit Court of the United States, on the ground that they were non-residents, and, by reason of prejudice and local influence, they could not get justice in the State court. The Chancellor refused to order the removal, and the Court of Appeals sustained him to that extent. The statutes on the subject of removal of causes from State courts into the Federal courts, and the judicial decisions touching that question, were considered and discussed at some length in the opinion of the Court.

The main question, however, on which the decision turned was whether the Chancellor erred in excluding from the jury on the trial of the issue certain depositions key is exceedingly reasonable. offered to sustain the credit of Charles

ion that the Chancellor erred in excluding the evidence, and therefore reversed the My action upon the bill has been taken, decree entered by him. The result is that patch counting-room will receive prompt atten-

> THE LOSS OF THE ROCKAWAY-ARRIVAL OF THE WYANORE HERR-STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN COUCH-HE CLAIMS THAT HE IS arrived here from New York yesterday. Captain Couch, the master, makes the following statement relative to the loss of the

Believing that the various reports of the loss of the new excursion-boat Rockaway provide for the payment of all its matured the same result. Whatever the legislation provide for the payment of all its matured the same result. Whatever the legislation rect statements of the facts, I desire through the same result. Whatever the legislation rect statements of the facts, I desire through the same result. Whatever the legislation rect statements of the facts, I desire through the same result. Whatever the legislation rect statements of the facts, I desire through the same result. Whatever the legislation rect statements of the facts, I desire through the same result. necessary to save the water-line, it is possi- the medium of the press to give a brief reble to perfect it; and I deprecate the possi- cital of the voyage from Norfolk, Va., to bility that the loss of that great property New York. The Rockaway was launched on Saturday last at 5 P. M., and given into my charge at 7:30 without a pound of ballast on board. She was therefore only water-borne by her 'midship section. We left with her in tow at about 8 o'clock, the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. the weather being moderate. We passed Cape Henry at about 11 o'clock, with a four- to five-knot breeze from the southeast, weather still moderate, with every appear Quarter Shoal Lightship at about 7:30 A. M. Sunday-smoky weather, wind still mode-Coles's committee vs. Coles. Argued by rate, about a five-knot breeze, still from W. W. Henry, Esq., for the appellant, and southeast. About noon, when opposite Wood Bouldin, Jr., for the appellee, and Delaware Breakwater, there was no marked change in the weather, wind still moderate, Garrett's administratrix vs. Bradford will and sailing vessels in sight had their royals set. At 5 P. M. the wind had hauled to about east, the weather unsettled, but with no appearance of any immediate change ued cases of Silas and John Winston and there was about an eight-knot breeze blow Albert Fauntleroy (colored), charged with | ing at the time. Night coming on, I deemed stealing three bales of hay from C. L. Todd, it prudent to take out a second hawser were called and continued until next Tues- to avoid any trouble that might occur by any sudden change during the night, and I Thomas and Julia Lomax (colored), stopped the ship for this purpose. Up to charged with entering the house of Dabney this time there had been no parting of haw-Smith and stealing one trunk and contents | sers, or trouble of any kind, and neither had the Rockaway labored excessively, nor William Mosely, assaulting, abusing, and given any evidence to us of straining. The interfering with Justice C. W. Tyler in the sea was not rough, but with an easterly this Commonwealth during the months of charter, and in effect destroys the original let it be accepted as correct. The only other discharge of his duty, paid costs and was wind there was the usual easterly swell. When we took out the second hawser the captain of the Rockaway reported that she was straining, and that her hog-frame had parted, and he suggested, or advised, going back to the Breakwater. The position of the ship was then about 12 miles were rendered by the orchestra in capital off the Jersey coast, and 40 miles from the Delaware Breakwater; the wind east, Mr. Adolph Thilow gave a pretty violin and increasing slightly; weather thick

> course to New York than to attempt to run into the Breakwater in the dark, in thick weather, and with a steamer in tow, with bor crowded with vessels. After securing the second hawser we proceeded on our course to New York. No signal of distress or warning of any kind was given until about 5 A. M. Monday; neither did the ters, violin; Mr. C. Peters, viola; Dr. Pe- Rockaway labor excessively, nor was the ters, cello; Mr. Wildt, flute; and Mr. John sea unusually rough. At this time there was a good whole-sail breeze about east, when we were hailed by the Rockaway work was rendered all through with taste and notified that she was straining or break and spirit. The soft, rich coloring of the ing two. I immediately stopped my ship, horn, and the bright silver-mounting of the and sent a boat under the command of the first officer to her, when he found her bog-Messrs. Kessnich, Thilow, and Jacob frame had parted, and the ship broken in Reinhardt—violin, cello, and piano—played two amidships. As there was no hope of resenting a large amount of the debt will a lovely trio by Schumann, which was saving her we took off the captain and crew, and when abandoned she was decks thought by many to have been the gem of to water. I submit these facts without comment to the public, and leave them to any intelligent shipmaster or ship-owner to decide whether the loss of the Rockaway is want of good judgment on the part of the worthiness of the Rockaway.

more prudent to tow her along easily on my

DEATH OF A YOUNG RICHMONDER.-Mr Mrs. Reinhardt, who was to have sung two solos, was prevented by indisposition, much to the disappointment of the audience.

Grand Jury for the Next Term of the

CONFIRMATION.—The solemn rite of confirmation was administered to twelve canfollowing is a list of the grand jury sum- didates at the Monumental church on Wedpesday night-three gentlemen and nine

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PERSONAL.-Mr. Thomas Connolly, special correspondent of the London Times, who has been writing letters from this country on the labor question, is in the city.

Harper's Weekly and Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper for this week received from J. T. Ellyson, 1112 Main street.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

A Noble Tribute.-Information has been received of the arrival of the remains of Foreman McHenry, of Shed G (at Westham ever yet had. Most of these boys served on It seems that years ago William O. George the other side during the recent war, and owned a negro slave called Caroline Jack- yet when this old ex-rebel's remains were cutters came here. The tribute was a noble

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W. GODDIN, 5 P. M., a lot and a small framed tenement thereon on the west side of Brook ave-nue near to Bacon's Quarter branch.

. L. APPPERSON. 5 P. M., continued sale of the law-library of the late Judge W. T. Joynes. EDWARD C. GODDIN, 4 P. M., suburban rest-dence, with eight acres of land.

THOMPSON BROWN, 4 P. M., framed store No-\$10 south Second street; also, store-fixtures, scales, show-cases, crockeryware, counters, &c-JAMES MACDOUGALL, at 10 o'clock, assortment schold and kitchen furniture, office-

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